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AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE NAVAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Charles Francis Adams, of Massachusetts; James Barnes, of New York; Willard H. Brownson, of the District of Columbia; French E. Chadwick, of Rhode Island; William C. Church, of New York; George Dewey, of the District of Columbia; Henry A. du Pont, of Delaware; Loyall Farragut, of New York; Caspar F. Goodrich, of Connecticut; Charles T. Harbeck, of New York; Grenville Kane, of New York; Stephen B. Luce, of Rhode Island; John F. Meigs, of Pennsylvania; Robert W. Neeser, of New York; Herbert L. Satterlee, of New York; Charles H. Stockton, of the District of Columbia; Charles W. Stewart, of the District of Columbia; Robert M. Thompson, of New York; Richard Wainwright, of the District of Columbia; John W. Weeks, of Massachusetts, and their associates and successors, be, and they are hereby, incorporated and made a body politic and corporate in the District of Columbia, by the name of "The Naval History Society"; and by that name may sue or be sued, plead and be impleaded, in any court of law or equity, and may have and use a common seal, and change the same at pleasure, and be entitled to use and exercise all the powers, rights, and privileges incidental to fraternal and benevolent corporations within the District of Columbia.

SEC. 2. That the object of such corporation shall be to discover and procure data, manuscripts, writings, and whatever may relate to naval history, science, and art, and the surroundings and experience of seamen in general and of American seamen in particular, and to preserve same by

publication or otherwise ; and to acquire, establish, or maintain in the city of Washington or elsewhere, for the use of its members and others, a house or rooms having a library, reading room, and such other appurtenances and belongings as may be desired.

SEC. 3. That said corporation may adopt a constitution and by-laws, and shall have power to amend the same at pleasure: *Provided*, That they do not conflict with the Constitution and laws of the United States.

SEC. 4. That said corporation shall have the right to hold meetings at any place in the United States, but annual meetings for the election of officers shall be held in the city of Washington, where the principal office of said corporation shall be.

SEC. 5. That the said corporation shall have the power to take and hold, by gift, grant, purchase, or devise, real and personal property not exceeding in value five hundred thousand dollars, which shall not be divided among the members of the corporation, but shall be used and administered as a trust for the purposes of the corporation, and so far as unexpended transmitted to their successors for the further promotion of such purposes.

SEC. 6. That the government of such corporation shall be vested in a board of eleven managers, to be elected by the members of such corporation, and the corporation shall have such officers as its constitution and by-laws may prescribe. The incorporators herein named, or a majority of them, shall act as the board of managers until their successors in office are chosen at the first meeting of the Society after the passage of this Act.

SEC. 7. That this charter shall be subject to alteration, amendment, or repeal at the pleasure of the Congress of the United States.

SEC. 8. That this Act shall take effect immediately on its passage.

Approved, August 21, 1912.

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ADOPTED DECEMBER, 1912

SECTION 1. The *Society* shall be composed of members, life members and honorary members.

SEC. 2. The *Annual Dues* for members shall be five dollars. Members who are two years in arrears in their dues may be dropped from the list of members by the Board of Managers after timely notice.

SEC. 3. The *Fee* for life members shall be one hundred dollars.

SEC. 4. Except by special vote of the Board of Managers, the number of Americans elected as *Honorary Members* shall not exceed ten, exclusive of the President of the United States, the Secretary of the Navy, the Assistant Secretary of the Navy and the Admiral of the Navy, who shall be honorary members *ex-officio*.

SEC. 5. Special *Gifts* may be received. The Board of Managers, in acknowledgment, may, at its discretion, characterize the givers as patrons or benefactors, with the full rights of membership. Benefactors shall have the right to dispose of their membership by gift or bequest.

SEC. 6. The *Officers* of the Society shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and a Board of Managers, to be elected for one year at the annual meeting of the Society by the members present. The offices of Secretary and Treasurer may be held by one person.

SEC. 7. The *Board of Managers* shall consist of twelve members, including the President, the Vice-President, the Secretary, and the Treasurer, who shall be members of the Board of Managers *ex-officio*.

SEC. 8. If a *Vacancy* occurs among the officers of the Society, or in the Board of Managers, the latter shall appoint a member of the Society to fill the office vacated during the unexpired term of his predecessor. Five members shall constitute a quorum of the Board of Managers.

SEC. 9. The *Annual Meeting* of the Society shall be held in the rooms of the Society, or at such other place in the city of Washington as the President may designate, on such a day in the month of December of each year as the Executive Committee may appoint. Members of all classes may vote at annual meetings by duly executed proxy.

SEC. 10. *Special Meetings* of the Society may be held after ten (10) days' notice of time and place, upon the call of the Board of Managers or by the Secretary upon the written request of twenty members. The objects of a special meeting must be stated in the call and the business confined to those objects.

SEC. 11. The *President* and *Vice-President* shall perform the usual duties of their respective offices.

SEC. 12. The *Secretary* shall keep the records and correspondence of the Society, issue the necessary notices, and until provision is made for a Librarian, he shall act in that capacity.

SEC. 13. The *Treasurer* shall keep the accounts of the Society, receive and receipt for all dues and gifts and, under the direction of the Board of Managers, make all necessary investments and expenditures; and to this purpose, he is empowered, in his official capacity, to sign checks and vouchers and draw on the funds which the Society may have on deposit. The fiscal year shall begin on the first day of November.

SEC. 14. The *Accounts* of the Treasurer shall be audited by a committee of members appointed for that purpose by the President. No member of the Board of Managers shall be eligible for duty on the Auditing Committee, which shall present its report at the annual meeting of the Society in December.

SEC. 15. The *Board of Managers* shall have charge of the financial and other affairs of the Society. It shall meet from time to time, as necessary.

SEC. 16. An *Executive Committee* shall be appointed by the President from the members of the Board of Managers, to serve for the year ending on the thirty-first of December on which date the terms of office of the Officers and

Managers shall expire. The Executive Committee shall consist of five members, including the President and the Secretary, who shall be members *ex-officio*.

SEC. 17. There shall be a *Nominating Committee*, appointed by the President at least one month before the annual meeting, whose duty it shall be to nominate the officers and managers for the coming year; this list of nominations shall be sent by the Secretary to all members, for their vote and approval in case they are not able to be present at the annual meeting. Members shall be at liberty to make independent nominations.

SEC. 18. The Board of Managers shall have the power to select for *Publication* any material embraced within the scope of the objects of the Society, to print the same in such form and numbers, as may in their judgment be appropriate, and at such time as may be expedient. They shall fix the price to be paid for each copy by non-members, but every member, whose dues are paid for the current year, shall be entitled to one copy of each publication.

SEC. 19. The *Executive Committee* shall have all the powers of the Board of Managers when the latter are not in session. The minutes of the meetings of the Executive Committee shall be laid before the Board of Managers at the regular meetings.

SEC. 20. These *By-Laws* may be amended, at any annual meeting, or at a meeting specially called for the purpose. Proposed amendments are to be submitted to the Board of Managers through the Secretary at least thirty days before the meeting at which they are to be voted on.

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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING

DECEMBER 18, 1913

The second annual meeting of The Naval History Society, Incorporated, was, under the terms of the Act of Incorporation, held in the City of Washington, in the District of Columbia, in the rooms of the Library of the Navy Department, on Thursday afternoon, December 18th, 1913, at four o'clock.

The following members and invited guests were present: The Secretary of the Navy; the Assistant Secretary of the Navy; Mr. Charles Francis Adams; Rear Admiral A. S. Barker, U.S.N.; Rear Admiral R. B. Bradford, U.S.N.; Rear Admiral Victor Blue, U.S.N.; Professor A. N. Brown, of the U. S. Naval Academy; Lieut. Comdr. T. T. Craven, U.S.N.; Paymaster General T. J. Cowie, U.S.N.; Rear Admiral C. H. Davis, U.S.N.; Mr. A. H. Dadmun; Captain W. F. Fullam, U.S.N.; Captain John Hood, U.S.N.; Mr. Gaillard Hunt, of the Library of Congress; Dr. J. F. Jameson, of the Carnegie Institution of Washington; Rear Admiral T. F. Jewell, U.S.N.; Mr. A. K. Hill; Captain H. S. Knapp, U.S.N.; Chief Engr. A. Kirby, U.S.N.; Lieut. Comdr. Needham Jones, U.S.N.; Comdr. C. T. Jewell, U.S.N.; Judge Advocate General R. McLean, U.S.N.; Mr. R. W. Neeser; Dr. C. O. Paullin; the Commissioner of Pensions G. M. Salzgaber; Rear Admiral C. H. Stockton, U.S.N.; Mr. C. W. Stewart; Rear Admiral S. A. Staunton, U.S.N.; Rear Admiral C. E. Vreeland, U.S.N.; Chief Naval Constructor Watt, U.S.N.

The meeting of the Society was called to order by Rear Admiral Charles Henry Davis, U.S.N., the President of the Society, who opened the meeting as Chairman of the meeting with the following address:

"Gentlemen: It is a pleasure and a duty on the part of the President to open the regular annual meeting of The Naval History Society with a few remarks. In doing so, I am glad to congratulate the Society on so full and distinguished an attendance. I do not propose to go into any summary of the actual condition of the Society at the present time. That will appear in the report by the Secre-

tary, which I feel sure you will find interesting. But I may be allowed to say that the condition of the Society is prosperous. There is a marked increase in membership and an increasing demand for the Society's publications. I am glad also to note that the number of active Navy officers who have become members is increasing. I do not mean that I consider that the officers on the active list are to profit professionally by the proceedings of the Society, but rather that the Society itself derives a prestige from their membership, just as it derived prestige from incorporation under Federal laws and from the encouragement of those in high office, who are *ex-officio* honorary members of the Society. I take it that this Society is not to be considered in any sense as a teacher; its functions are scholastic and those who care to profit by the meeting do so without any exertion on the part of the Society itself, other than pursuing its scholastic functions. If it is to exert any influence at all, it must be in an indirect way, but it is permissible to conceive by the increase in membership and in circulation that by its proceedings, it may more or less affect public opinion and public interest in the Navy. We have reached a stage in Naval development in this country when we demand public attention and interest and we expect that the questions presented here will be treated broadly without regard to differences of opinion on political questions. Now, I think the Navy has already attained popularity, but that popularity has been accompanied by a good deal of ignorance. It may be possible for this Society to eliminate this situation, not directly but indirectly, by the circulation of its proceedings. There is another way in which the ends of the Society may be reached and that is to foster and create a class of Naval critics. If the Navy is to be popular, it must also be criticised, and intelligently criticised by a class entirely outside of the Navy, and a class that is fully impartial. Now, I am glad to say that this class has already risen among us and is increasing in numbers, and I think, possibly, the influence of this Society may reach out in that direction also indirectly.

"I was not going to speak about the acquisitions of the Society, but since our last meeting the Society has become the possessor, through the generosity of Colonel Church,

who was the literary executor of Mr. Ericsson, the famous inventor, of the Ericsson papers, and I believe they will prove to be of great interest because the Society in its publications does not follow any chronological order. The Society in its publications will soon get to the period of the Civil War and the inner workings of the Navy Department during that conflict. The history of the administration of the Navy during those years would be of vital interest, especially in view of the agitation that is on foot at the present time for changes and reforms in the methods of administration. Now, we have already had one book on that subject. I refer to the diary of Gideon Welles. This throws some light on the workings of the Navy during the Civil War and it is worth noticing that whatever the defects of that system may have been, the results were unquestionable. The Navy was well administered. A vast fleet was created out of almost nothing and carried on through a war of four years without any hitch or without any extravagance in the administrative branches. There is one serious omission, however, in Mr. Welles' diary. Mr. Welles assumed office on the first of March, 1861, and the first accounts in his diary do not begin until the middle of July, 1862, leaving a period of sixteen months of very important history during which he took no notes at all, and that period covers all the changes that were made transforming the Navy from a peace footing or perhaps forty ships, speaking approximately, mainly of a design already obsolete, to a fleet of over five hundred ships on a war footing, built along new and novel designs that embodied many new devices in naval warfare. It covers the period of the war fought in '62 in the North Atlantic, the Gulf, and in Western waters, also the period covering all that would be brought out by the discussion of the Ericsson inventions and discussions here in the Department as to the designs of new battleships and particularly the design of the *Monitor*, and the action between the *Monitor* and the *Merrimac*. Now that is a very serious omission in Mr. Welles' diary, and covers a period during which he either made no notes at all or material which his editors did not see fit to print, so that part of the administrative history of the Civil War remains as secret as before Mr. Welles' book was published.

“Now, gentlemen, I don’t propose to detain you, because we have with us the Secretary of the Navy, who has promised to make a few remarks. I have the honor and pleasure of presenting him. I have heard him speak several times and it has always been with a great deal of pleasure, and I know that you will experience the same pleasure now.”

The Secretary of the Navy then spoke as follows: “I did not know that I had promised to make a few remarks. I thought I was coming here as a learner sitting at the feet of Clio. I am too young in the Navy to presume to give advice to these ‘Fathers of Israel.’ I am very glad that your President spoke of the omission in Gideon Welles’ diary. I think it is the most interesting diary that has ever been published about a period in our history of which we all wish to know everything possible. If it could be supplemented by the recollection of those Admirals here who then were junior officers, and if it could be added to by the autobiographies of those of you upon whose heads the snow has fallen that never melts, we might have a real history of that period. It is certainly true that unless the men who figured in those times write history while they are alive, it will never be written at all, and it occurred to me that if this Society, as its work for the next year, would request every officer in the Navy who had any connection with the Navy in those days to write his experience and then try to get a correct and comprehensive history of the changes that took place in Gideon Welles’ administration, you would then have a history of this transformation in the Navy that would be of great value, of singular value.

“The trouble with the Naval officer is that he has always been so busy doing things he hasn’t stopped to write them. After all the only interesting book in the world is that of the life of a human. It is the only story I have ever read feeling that I had really got to the inside of the man, and if we could persuade all the old officers of the Navy to write their autobiographies, particularly for the period from ’60 to ’65 we would have the best history of those years. We cannot have the best history unless we have a history with a personal touch, or the most appealing and accurate history without the human interest. I think Admiral Dewey has done the country a great service in writing his auto-

biography, yet, until that celebrated victory made him stand out from the others, he had had no experience different from that of the others. If every officer in the Navy as he retires would make it a part of his work to write his autobiography, we would have a mine of knowledge to draw upon for an interesting, a real living history of the Navy. If I had any authority over the retired officers, I would issue an order to every retired officer to write his autobiography. Some might think that the things they have done might not be of interest to others, but the Navy officers have the most interesting experience in the world. You have been everywhere in war and in peace—first in Japan, first in China, and first in Turkey. We were the first to survey the Panama Canal, and if we had the biographies of the officers who took part in these events, we would have immense wealth to draw from for history of the Navy. My idea is to do one thing at a time, to have one purpose and one goal. The President says that he has a single-barrelled mind and that when that barrel is full he must discharge it before he takes up a new idea. Every organization must have a singleness of purpose in order to accomplish good results. Many of us think that what we do does not amount to a great deal and it appears to us like a little vanity to assume to write of our lives. But it is just the opposite and we are doing a service when we write a true account of what happened during our lives and our doing this will be of infinite value to those who desire an accurate history of the Navy.”

“We greatly esteem the encouragement of those high in office and this encouragement is, I assure you, highly appreciated,” said the Chairman. “I see that we have the pleasure of having the Assistant Secretary of the Navy with us. I am sure the meeting would be much gratified if he would say a few words. I think that this is the first meeting that Mr. Roosevelt has attended.”

The Assistant Secretary of the Navy, on being thus introduced, addressed the gentlemen present as follows :

“Mr. President: I am glad you spoke of this being the first meeting of the Society that I have attended. As a matter of fact, I acted as Secretary of the very first meeting of the Naval History Society at one time.

"I am glad that the Secretary of the Navy said what he did about the older officers, the retired officers, writing down what they have seen and what they have done. I remember when Admiral Goodrich and I talked over holding the first meeting at the New York Yacht Club, the point emphasized by Admiral Goodrich more than any other was that this organization would give the officers in the service an opportunity to deposit their life stories, perhaps not for immediate publication but for historical use. I think that the Secretary of the Society can do a good deal by his own individual efforts. We, after all, will be scattered, most of us, to the various parts of the earth between now and the meeting next year, and any organization of this kind which exists more or less under the Secretary's hat necessarily must be carried on, and its work carried on, by the Secretary. I feel sure that Mr. Neeser is the kind of a person who will carry on this work and get the officers to write down anything that comes to their mind that would be of interest or value that comes to their minds that would be of interest or value afterwards. There are a great many things they would probably think not worthy of being put down, but let me assure you that they would be of much interest to future generations.

"There is one other point I would like to bring out. There are in this country two great sources for naval history. One is the official source, the records of the Navy Department, and not only of this Department but of several other Departments of the National Government. The other source is the great field of private collections. I don't suppose any of us—and a great many of us have collected historical material relating to the Navy—have any idea of what that material amounts to in the aggregate in this country. And not only in this country but in foreign countries too, in England and France. There is not a place today where an officer owning some historical memento—a cane made from the hull of the *Philadelphia* or something like that—can deposit that historical relic. There is no place where the owner of autograph letters, even two or three, or Navy officers who, in hundreds of instances, have got two or three little objects of interest—there is no place they can deposit them. Now, we are not a very rich organization, but we can

get to good many people who have got the wherewithal to help us out. I have had a thought in my mind for a long time of a building in the National Capital,—whether Congress erects it or whether we have to get our own funds is a matter to be determined, a Naval Museum which could be run either under the auspices of this Society or even by the Department itself. A Naval Museum in the National Capital where gifts could be received, where the enormous amount of data today in private hands could be deposited. There are four or five very large collections of naval material in existence today. The owners of some of those collections do not know what they are to do with them; how to dispose of them when they die. We haven't got facilities in this building, as Mr. Stewart knows, to exhibit things properly and the chances are that Congress won't give us a new building for a long time, and if it does give us a new building, it is a great question if we ever have a larger library and depository for historical records than we have at present. We must, therefore, look to private sources to obtain this result. I think that if we could get someone at work on the building fund—it is a pretty ambitious project—if necessary it might be advisable to get the Army to come in with us and make it a Naval and Military Museum building—if we could get that scheme worked out—it is only an embryo now—I believe it would not be very long, probably not more than four or five years, before we would see some actual dirt fly. This is what we want, and I would suggest that this Society take up at this meeting this question and see if we cannot begin something looking towards this end.”

The next in order of business was the reading of the minutes of the last annual meeting, but as each member had already received a printed copy of those minutes, a resolution to omit the reading was made and carried, after which the Secretary's and Treasurer's reports were read and accepted.

The meeting then proceeded to elect the officers for the coming year, and the following nominations made by the Nominating Committee and previously submitted to the members of the Society for their consideration were then read:

For President, Rear Admiral Charles H. Davis, U.S.N.

For Vice-President, Mr. Herbert L. Satterlee.

For Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. Robert W. Neeser.

For Members of the Board of Managers:

Mr. James Barnes,

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Colonel William C. Church,

Rear Admiral C. F. Goodrich, U.S.N.,

Mr. Charles T. Harbeck,

Mr. Grenville Kane,

Rear Admiral S. B. Luce, U.S.N.,

Rear Admiral C. H. Stockton, U.S.N.,

Colonel Robert M. Thompson.

And there being none other offered, the Secretary was instructed to cast a ballot for the aforesaid gentlemen as President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, and Members of the Board of Managers.

The regular order of business of the meeting having been concluded, and there being no further matters to be considered, a discussion followed on the question raised by the Assistant Secretary of the Navy, as to the possibility of a permanent home of some kind for this Society in the city of Washington, and the question, on motion, was duly referred to the Executive Committee for action.



REPORT OF THE SECRETARY FOR THE YEAR 1913

I think that you will agree with me, when I say that this Society has every reason to be satisfied with the way in which it has been getting on. Whereas in 1910 we numbered but one hundred members, last year our membership rose to one hundred and ninety-five. But now, the total is two hundred and ninety-one, comprising four honorary members, one benefactor, one patron, thirty-two life members, three exchange members, and two hundred and fifty annual subscribers, the loss by deaths during the past year having been three.

The most important event in the past twelve-month has been the acquisition of the collection of papers, letters, and books, of John Ericsson, which were the gift of Colonel William Conant Church, one of the founders and officers the Society. These interesting documents may be said to contain the history of the construction of our first iron-clad fleet, and I am happy to be able to state that this valuable collection has been deposited, for safekeeping, in the Division of Manuscripts of the Library of Congress, where it will remain the property of the Society, while being well cared for and accessible for consultation by students and searchers.

The third volume of the Society's publications, containing *The Despatches of Molyneux Shuldham*, was published early last February, and was issued to the members of the Society on their 1912 subscriptions. The book was unusually well received and the general satisfaction of the members at this production was expressed in the large number of complimentary letters received by the Secretary.

Several other volumes have been in preparation during the year. The first of these, *The Out-Letters of the Continental Marine Committee and Board of Admiralty, 1776-1780*, edited by Dr. Charles Oscar Paullin, of the Carnegie Institution of Washington, is now in press and will be issued to the members of the Society as Volume IV of publications on their current, (1913), subscriptions. The collection of documents to be contained in this volume and in another

volume to be published also in 1914 is from the manuscripts in the possession of the Library of Congress, and may be said to cover the entire administrative history of our Navy during the years of the Revolutionary War.

For 1914, the Board of Managers, at their last meeting, voted to issue the second volume of the *Marine Committee and Board of Admiralty Documents*, and this publication will doubtless be ready for distribution during the early months of the coming Spring.

In addition to these two volumes, there are in preparation, *The Journals and Letters of Gustavus Conyngham, a Captain of the Revolutionary Navy, 1777-1781*, and the *Despatches of Admiral Thomas Graves*, who commanded the British Fleets on the coasts of North America in the historic campaign which culminated in the surrender of Cornwallis at Yorktown. Both these volumes will contain documents never before accessible to historians, and will throw much light upon the events of that interesting period.

With regard to these present and proposed publications of the Society, the Board of Managers wish to announce that, owing to the great increase in the Society's membership during the past year, it has been found necessary to almost double the size of the future editions. The number of copies of each edition will henceforth be five hundred as against the three hundred copies printed of each of the first three volumes of publications. With regard to the latter, I would say that there remain a sufficient number of copies of each on hand to meet the demand for several years to come.

Since I had the honor of making my last report, the Society has acquired one of the *Maine Memorial Tablets*, cast by the Navy Department and issued by it, upon request, to historical and patriotic societies.

Such is the brief survey of what has been accomplished during the past year, and I think the Society has every reason to be proud of its showing. It is hoped that still more can be done during 1914, and that the present record of large increase in membership will be not only equalled but eclipsed.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1912-1913

November 1st, 1913.

To the Officers and Members of the Society:

Gentlemen:—I have the honor of submitting the following report for the fiscal year ending October 31, 1913:

INCOME FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1912-1913

Cash balance on hand November 1, 1912.....	\$ 7,820.86
From annual dues.....	1,534.75
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Very respectfully,

ROBERT W. NEESER,
Treasurer.

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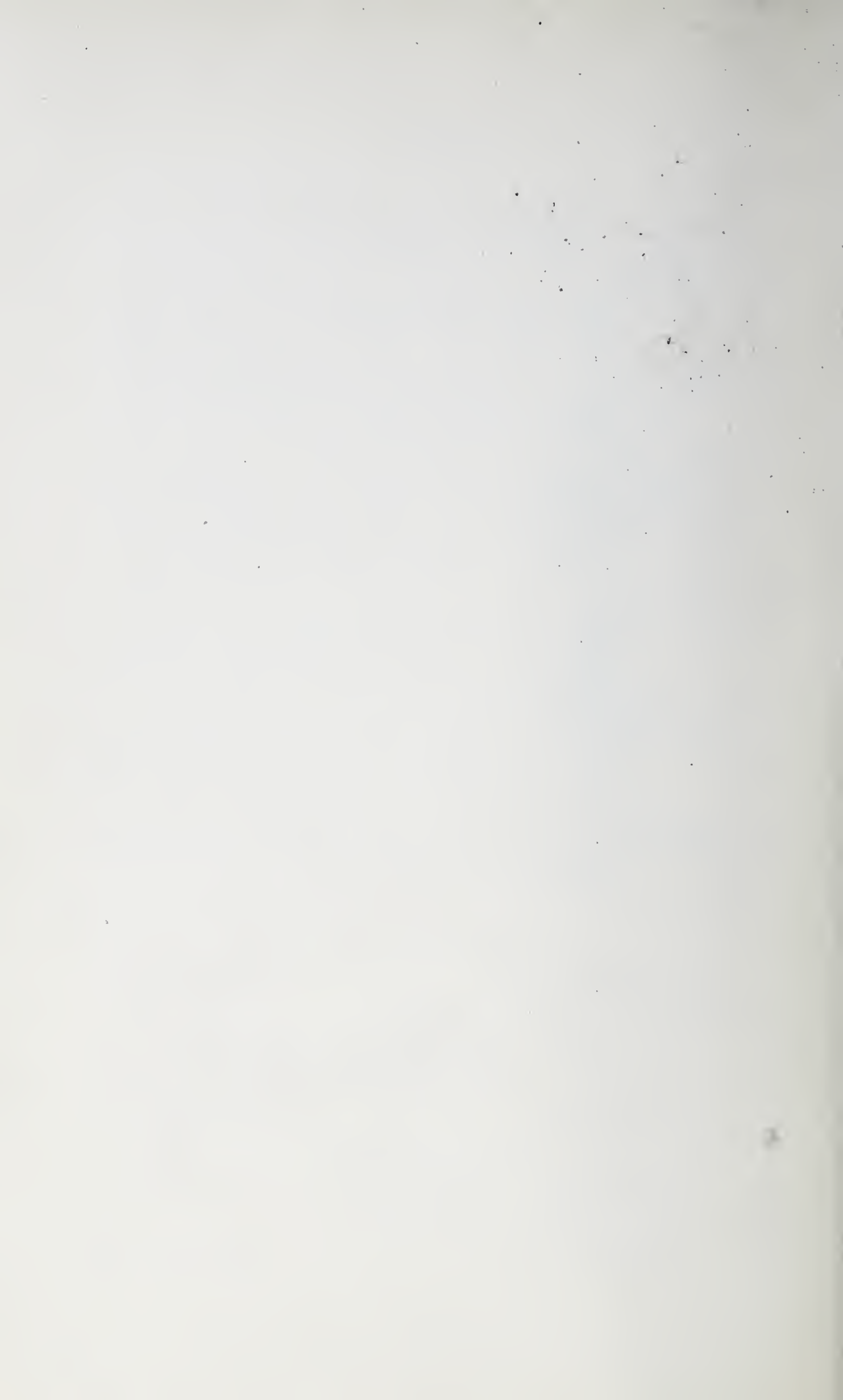
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For 1914—Volume V—*The Out-Letters of the Continental Marine Committee and Board of Admiralty, 1776-1780.* Volume II Edited by Dr. Charles Oscar Paullin.

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